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E. O. 11652: DECON MARCH 26, 1974

TAGS: EFIN, ETRN, MA, US, FR

SUBJ: MALAGASY LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASE

REFS: TANANARIVE 306; STATE 41339; STATE 44701

1. WE APPRECIATE STATE REFTELS ON PROPOSED EXIM BANK FINANCING OF GM LOCOMOTIVE SALE TO MADAGASCAR. WE USED CABLES AS BASIS FOR TELLING GEN ANDRIAMAHAZO, MALAGASY MIN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, DURING CALL WHICH AF/ C DIRECTOR COHEN AND I MADE ON HIM MAR 23, THAT EXIM PREPARED CONSIDER ASSISTING IN FINANCING LOCOMOTIVE PURCHASE BY MADAGASCAR.
 2. WE FOUND GEN ANDRIAMAHAZO REMAINS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD PURCHASE FROM GENERAL MOTORS, BUT IT CLEAR THAT DIRECTOR OF RAILWAYS RANAIVOARIVELO, WHO ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING, FAVORS PURCHASE FROM FRENCH FIRM ALSTOM. LATTER STATED THAT, SINCE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION ALREADY HAS LINE OF SPARE PARTS TO MAINTAIN ITS PARK OF ALSTOM LOCOMOTIVES, GM WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THAT BOTH ORIGINAL COST OF LOCOMOTIVES AND COST OF UPKEEP WOULD BE CHEAPER THAN FURTHER PURCHASES FROM ALSTOM.
 3. I TOLD LOCAL GM REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT AT LUNCH AT RESIDENCE ON MARCH 24. HE WELL AWARE ABOUT POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF RAILWAYS, WQD HAS ASKED GENERAL MOTORS FOR COST DATA TO TRY TO OVERCOME LATTER'S NEGATIVE POSITION. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE WORK
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CLOSELY WITH LOCAL GM REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS PROPOSED DEAL. WE
MAY AT END FIND IT NECESSARY TO ASK GEN ANDRIAMAHAZO TO OVERRULE
DIRECTOR OF RAILWAYS.
MENDENHALL

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